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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, SECOND PREPCOM

1. GROUP B COUNTRIES HELD INFORMAL MEETING JUNE 5 CHAIRED BY U.S. TO DISCUSS DRAFT CONFERENCE AGENDA AND HOW COUNTRIES COULD BEST CONTRIBUTE TO MEANINGFUL OUTCOME OF WFC. AUSTRALIA, CANADA, U.K. AND NEW ZEALAND REPS WERE MOST VOCAL AND CONTINUED TO SHOW HIGH LEVEL OF PREPARATION AND INTEREST NOT EVIDENCED BY MOST OTHER DC DELEGATIONS.

2. NUMEROUS IDEAS AIRED ON POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS TO REDRAFT OF AGENDA, PARTICULARLY BY U.S., CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN REPS, MET WITH LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT. THERE WAS GENERAL OPPOSITION TO NEW AGRICULTURAL FUND. THERE APPEARED TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON SUGGESTION THAT OECD

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WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FORUM FOR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS AMONG

DCS, PERHAPS STATING AT MEETING END OF JUNE AS WAS
SUGGESTED TO GROUP BY SIMONTROV. AMBASSADOR MARTIN
RECOMMENDED PARTICULARLY THAT MEETING BE HELD IN EARLY
SEPTEMBER AFTER DISTRIBUTION OF SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTS IN
ORDER HAVE DETAILED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BEFORE THIRD PREPCOM.

3. IT IS CLEAR THAT MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET
FORMULATED ANY CLEAR STRATEGY AND ARE AWAITING LEADERSHIP
ON WHAT DIRECTION DC EFFORTS MIGHT TAKE. ABRAMS

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